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In which Pollyanna marries her childhood friend, Jimmy.

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Carol Rewick says

Loved the book!

Joy C. says

I just finished this dear book & absolutely loved every moment of reading it. I so enjoyed the reading process, and just being swept up in this glad story! Pollyanna is such a sweetheart, so joyful and glad, but I loved watching her mature and maintain her strength of character and "gladness" in the face of obstacles she faces as a married woman. This book abounds with humour and charm and lots of delightful tales of the entanglements & little puzzles Pollyanna faces with her husband Jimmy are so laugh-out-loud charming and hilarious and wonderful. Often I've chatted with other young ladies who express their frustration that most "romance" novels end with the courtship & proposal or at the most wedding/honeymoon of a couple, but we really never get to know what they are like in real married life together, navigating the little pitfalls, the character flaws, the misunderstandings, the joys and sorrows, disappointments and frustrations and gladness of married life together. Pollyanna of Orange Blossom really taps into that first year of Pollyanna and Jimmy's married life together & it is PRECIOUS! There are so many funny stories but also moments in which I was inspired by the quiet courage and simplicity and gladness of the characters, and the love of Pollyanna. Pollyanna is a special heroine I'd encourage any young girl to get acquainted with and be inspired by! I'd recommend this novel especially :). There were even moments when I felt convicted by the "giving thanks" nature of Pollyanna but even more so, her caring, loving sensitive heart that really was growing in maturity, to know what to say and do to show love & shine forth this gladness to others without being preachy or snobbish. In fact multiple times this book expresses Pollyanna's disappointments, hopes deferred, struggles with less than nice people, etc. What I loved about this book was that it didn't make Pollyanna a sort of "annoyingly-cheerful goody-goody" who always made others feel guilty by her bubbly moods. It took her courage to be glad & kind and that was beautiful to see. There were times when I realised that in a situation like Pollyanna faced - often small, irritating disappointments & misunderstandings and things not quite going your way, my response would have been so different and negative and selfish, yet Pollyanna would choose the harder, better way and something special would unfold.

Also Jimmy is such a dear! Honestly, he is the BEST <3. I honestly love their married relationship together, it's the cutest!

One of my favourite quotes in the book was that moment when she was sharing with a friend, about her struggles growing up as a little girl and that it wasn't (and still isn't) always easy to be "cheerful" & it isn't because she is so different from others. It's because she purposefully chose to play the "glad game" that her father taught her & chose blessing & goodwill and thankfulness over a spirit of complaining, grumbling or self-pity/selfishness. Her character is up there with my favourite literary heroines & uplifting to young women I think!

That was so inspiring: "I think perhaps I had what they call a cheerful disposition. But dispositions need to be cultivated, just as gardens do."

Nancy Reynolds says

I am having great fun reading these Pollyanna books. I never realized there had been so many written about Pollyanna, with so many different authors sharing the penning of the stories. This one was sweet - and really keeps the idea of how playing the Glad Game can benefit every one of us. I love pollyanna. This one was a particularly good story. Such a "refreshing" read.

Μαρι?ννα says

Το λατρε?ω, το λατρε?ω, το λατρε?ω, τι και αν ε?ναι παιδικ? λογοτεχν?α! μιλ?ει στην ψυχ? μου ?πως την πρ?τη φορ? που το δι?βασα, ?πως τ?τε που ?μουν κοριτσ?κι 11 ετ?ν! Η Πολλυ?ννα παντρεμ?νη πια, μετακομ?ζει σε μια μεγ?λη π?λη και αναγκ?ζεται χωρ?ς πολλ? λεφτ? και παρ?ες να προσαρμοστε? στην ν?α της ζω? παρ?α με τον αγαπημ?νο της τζιμ..φυσικ? ποτ? δεν ξεχν? να κ?νει το καλ? και σε ?σους την ?χουν αν?γκη και π?ντα ξ?ρει να γεμ?ζει τις κεν?ς της ?ρες με το παιχν?δι της χαρ?ς! το αγαπημ?νο μου απ? την σειρ? αυτ?

Emily says

Beautiful book detailing the married life of Pollyanna and the ways they grew and loved each other through the challenges of marriage. Really kept the spirit of the original Pollyanna.

Valerie says

I read this one so long ago in my early teens (40+ years - really?) but I did not recall it was not written by Eleanor Porter! Definitely time to read it again! I think this was the one with the exploding tomatoes! I still remember that after all these years - I think!

Robyn says

I read this in junior high, about where Pollyanna & Jimmy Bean get married & start a family. I still haven't read any previous Pollyanna books, just seen the Disney movie from the 1960s, w/ Haley Mills. I'd always liked the movie as a kid (despite how other people say someone is a "Pollyanna", like it's a bad thing), so I thought I'd read the book, once I found it.

Ronda says

I found this book at an antique store and was so excited to read it! It is a bit funny and not too slow. Not a lot

happens in the book either, but reading about Polyanna's first year being married is kind of fun. It's not a book you sit and devour wondering what happens next, but it's nice to pick up and read a chapter or two before bed, it's a happy, or should I say glad book.
